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Organization of work of the Second Committee

Note by the Secretariat

Allocation of items

1. The agenda items allocated by the General Assembly to the Second Committee will be listed in the letter from the President of the Assembly to the Chairman of the Second Committee (A/C.2/57/1). Background information on those items may be found in the annotations to the agenda (A/57/100).

Programme of work

2. The draft programme of work (see annex) has been prepared bearing in mind paragraph (b) of rule 99 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, the organizational arrangements agreed upon by the Assembly at the outset of its current session (A/57/250) and the availability of documentation. The number of meetings suggested for the general discussion of the agenda items allocated to the Second Committee is based on past experience.

List of documents

3. Attention is drawn to the list of documents submitted under the various agenda items allocated to the Second Committee (A/C.2/57/L.1). The draft programme of work should be read in conjunction with the list of documents in order to obtain a full picture of the scope of the Committee's work programme.

Length of statements

4. The Second Committee, in the past, decided to limit statements on all agenda items, with the exception of the general debate, to 7 minutes and to limit statements during the general debate to 15 minutes.

Conference facilities and meetings arrangements

5. Taking into account the availability of conference services for the Main Committees of the General Assembly, an average of eight formal meetings a week have been scheduled for the Second Committee. Unless otherwise specified,

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meetings will be held at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. In this connection, the Assembly decided to remind delegations that punctuality is of the utmost importance in the interest of ensuring an effective and orderly organization of work and achieving economies for the United Nations. As decided by the Assembly, the requirement of the presence of at least one quarter of the members of the Committee to declare a meeting open and permit the debate to proceed has been waived.

Informal consultations

6. In view of the financial measures affecting conference services, and as indicated in the programme of work, some of the formal meetings allocated to the Second Committee will be utilized for informal consultations under the chairmanship of the Vice-Chairmen of the Committee so as to ensure full servicing of those consultations. In accordance with the established practice, informal consultations will be used for expressing general observations on the proposals and for adopting them *ad referendum*. All drafting will be done at the informal consultations (without interpretation or other services) and will be conducted by the appointed coordinators.

Report of the Economic and Social Council

7. The Second Committee is reminded that, in accordance with a decision of the General Assembly, chapters of the report of the Economic and Social Council are to be considered together with documentation under other agenda items, as well as under item 12. The list of documents contains further information on this procedure (see para. 3 above).

Conclusion of the work of the Committee

8. Bearing in mind the number of meetings available to the Second Committee, it is proposed that the Committee set a target date of Friday, 6 December 2002, for the conclusion of its work.

Annex

Proposed programme of work of the Second Committee

Item to be considered	*Document title and symbol*
Week of 23-27 September	
Tuesday, 24 September	
3 p.m.	
Election of the Bureau and organization of work	
Week of 30 September-4 October	
Monday, 30 September	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
General debate	
Tuesday, 1 October	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
General debate (continued)	
Wednesday, 2 October	
10 a.m.	
General debate (concluded)	
3 p.m.	
Item 86 Macroeconomic policy questions	
(*a*) International trade and development	Report of the Trade and Development Board on its twenty-eighth executive session (A/57/15 (Part I))
	Report of the Trade and Development Board on its nineteenth special session (A/57/15 (Part II))
	Report of the Trade and Development Board on its forty-ninth session (A/57/15 (Part III))
	Report of the Trade and Development Board (A/57/15 (Supplement No. 15))
	Report of the Secretary-General on international trade and development and on developments in the multilateral trading system

Item to be considered	*Document title and symbol*
(*b*) Commodities	Note by the Secretary-General of the United Nations transmitting the report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on world commodity trends and prospects
(*d*) External debt crisis and development	Report of the Secretary-General on external debt crisis and development (A/57/253)
(*e*) International financial system and development	Report of the Secretary-General on the international financial system and development (A/57/151)
(*f*) Preparations for the International Ministerial Meeting on Transit Transport Cooperation	Report of the Secretary-General on specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of landlocked developing countries (A/57/340)
Thursday, 3 October	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
Item 86 (a), (b), (d), (e) and *(f)* (concluded)	
Friday, 4 October	
Week of 7-11 October	
Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole on the Final Review and Appraisal of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa	
Week of 14-18 October	
Monday, 14 October	
10 a.m.	
Item 87 Sectoral policy questions	
(*a*) Industrial development cooperation	Note by the Secretariat transmitting the report of the Director-General of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization on industrial development cooperation (A/57/184)
(*c*) Preventing and combating corrupt practices and transfer of funds of illicit origin and returning such funds to the countries of origin	Report of the Secretary-General on preventing and combating corrupt practices and transfer of funds of illicit origin and returning such funds to the countries of origin (A/57/158 and Add.1)
Tuesday, 15 October	
10 a.m.	
Item 87 (a) and *(c)* (concluded)	

Item to be considered	*Document title and symbol*
Wednesday, 16 October	
3 p.m.	
Item 86 (c) Science and technology for development	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Secretary-General of the International Telecommunication Union on the preparations for the World Summit on the Information Society (A/57/71-E/2002/52 and Add.1)
Thursday, 17 October	
10 a.m.	
Item 88 Sustainable development and international economic cooperation	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Director-General of FAO on the activities of the International Year of Mountains (A/57/188)
(*a*) Implementation of the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries, and implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade	Report of the Secretary-General on an overview of the challenges and constraints as well as progress made towards achieving the major development goals and objectives adopted by the United Nations during the 1990s (A/57/216)
(*b*) Integration of the economies in transition into the world economy	Report of the Secretary-General on integration of the economies in transition into the world economy (A/57/288)
(*c*) Culture and development	Report of the Secretary-General on culture and development Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Director-General of UNESCO on culture and development (A/57/226)
(*d*) High-level dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership	Report of the Secretary-General on high-level dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership
Friday, 18 October	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
Item 88 (concluded)	

Item to be considered	*Document title and symbol*
Week of 21-25 October	
Monday, 21 October	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
Item 89 Environment and sustainable development	
(*b*) International Strategy for Disaster Reduction	Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (A/57/190)
	Report of the Secretary-General on international cooperation to reduce the impact of the El Niño phenomenon (A/57/189)
(*c*) Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Executive Secretary of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change on the work of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention (A/57/359)
(*d*) Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa	Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa (A/57/177)
(*e*) Convention on Biological Diversity	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity (A/57/220)
(*f*) Further implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States	Report of the Secretary-General on further implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States (A/57/131)
	Report of the Secretary-General on promoting an integrated management approach to the Caribbean Sea area in the context of sustainable development
Tuesday, 22 October	
Item 89 (b), (c), (d), (e) and *(f)* (continued)	
Wednesday, 23 October	
Thursday, 24 October	
3 p.m.	
Item 89 (b), (c), (d), (e) and *(f)* (continued)	

Item to be considered		*Document title and symbol*
Friday, 25 October		
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.		
Item 89 (b), (c), (d), (e) and *(f)* (concluded)		
Week of 28 October-1 November		
Monday, 28 October		
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.		
Item 90	Operational activities for development	Report of the Secretary-General on concrete measures for promoting and facilitating South-South cooperation (A/57/155)
		Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report on the activities of the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM) (A/57/125)
		Report of the Secretary-General on alternative options to the current modalities of the annual Pledging Conference (A/57/332)
		Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council (A/57/3, Supplement No. 3)
Tuesday, 29 October		
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.		
Item 90 (concluded)		
Wednesday, 30 October		
3 p.m.		
Item 91	Implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006)	Report of the Secretary-General on the proposal to establish a world solidarity fund for poverty eradication (A/57/137)
		Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006) (A/57/211)
Thursday, 31 October		
10 a.m.		
Item 94	Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic and social fields	Report of the Secretary-General on integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits, including the United Nations Millennium Summit (A/57/75-E/2002/57)

Item to be considered		*Document title and symbol*
3 p.m.		
Item 94 (concluded)		
Friday, 1 November		
10 a.m.		
Item 96	Globalization and interdependence	Report of the Secretary-General on globalization and interdependence (A/57/287)
3 p.m.		
Item 97	Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and of the twenty-fifth special session of the General Assembly	Report of the Secretary-General on the twenty-fifth special session of the General Assembly for an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) (A/57/271) Report of the Secretary-General on strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) (A/57/272) Report of the Secretary-General on integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits: coordinated implementation of the Habitat Agenda (E/2002/48)
Week of 4-8 November		
Monday, 4 November		
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.		
Item 98	Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries	Report of the Secretary-General on the Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries
Tuesday, 5 November		
3 p.m.		
United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities		
Wednesday, 6 November		
3 p.m.		
United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities		

Item to be considered		*Document title and symbol*
Thursday, 7 November		
10 a.m.		
Item 92	Training and research	Report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (A/57/14, Supplement No. 14) Report of the Council of the United Nations University (A/57/31, Supplement No. 31) Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Institute for Training and Research Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations University
3 p.m.		
Item 93	Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of ESCWA on the economic and social repercussions of the Israeli occupation on the living conditions of the Palestinian people, including Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the Syrian Golan (A/57/63-E/2002/21)
Friday, 8 November		
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.		
Item 95	High-level international intergovernmental consideration of financing for development	Report of the Secretary-General on the outcome of the International Conference on Financing for Development (A/57/344) Report of the International Conference on Financing for Development, Monterrey, Mexico (A/CONF.198/11) Report of the Secretary-General on follow-up efforts to the International Conference on Financing for Development (A/57/319)
Week of 11-15 November		
Monday, 11 November		
10 a.m.		
Item 95 (concluded)		

Item to be considered	*Document title and symbol*
3 p.m.	
Item 87 Sectoral policy questions	
(*b*) Business and development	Report of the Secretary-General on the continuing implementation of General Assembly resolution 54/204 on business and development
Tuesday, 12 November	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
Item 12 Report of the Economic and Social Council	Report of the Economic and Social Council (A/57/3, Supplement No. 3)
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Executive Director of UNFPA on the United Nations Population Award
	Report of the Secretary-General on public administration and development
Wednesday, 13 November	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
Item 89 Environment and sustainable development	Report of the Secretary-General on the activities undertaken in preparation for the International Year of Freshwater, 2003 (A/57/132)
	Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme at its seventh special session (A/57/25, Supplement No. 25)
(*a*) Implementation of Agenda 21 and the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21	Relevant section of the report of the Economic and Social Council on the work of the Commission for Sustainable Development acting as the preparatory committee for the World Summit on Sustainable Development (A/57/3, Supplement No. 3)
	Relevant section of the report of the Economic and Social Council on the work of the United Nations Forum on Forests at its second session (A/57/3, Supplement No. 3)
	Report of the Secretary-General on the outcome of the World Summit on Sustainable Development
Thursday, 14 November	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
Informal consultations	

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Friday, 15 November	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
Informal consultations	
Week of 18-22 November	
Monday, 18 November	
10 a.m.	
Informal consultations	
Tuesday, 19 November	
Wednesday, 20 November	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
Informal consultations	
Thursday, 21 November	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
Informal consultations	
Friday, 22 November	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
Informal consultations	
Week of 25-29 November	
Monday, 25 November	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
Informal consultations	
Tuesday, 26 November	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
Wednesday, 27 November	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
Informal consultations	
Thursday, 28 November	
Thanksgiving Day	

Item to be considered	*Document title and symbol*
Friday, 29 November	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
Informal consultations	
Week of 2-6 December	
Monday, 2 December	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
Informal consultations	
Tuesday, 3 December	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
Informal consultations	
Wednesday, 4 December	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
Informal consultations	
Thursday, 5 December	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
Informal consultations	
Friday, 6 December	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
Conclusion of the work of the Second Committee	